



Training workshops on prioritization and pest risk analysis for invasive alien plant species



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Under the LIFE funded project ‘Mitigating the threat of invasive alien plants to the EU through pest risk analysis to support the Regulation 1143/2014’, the European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organisation and the NERC Centre of Ecology and Hydrology will conduct two training workshops on (1) the prioritization of invasive alien plants and (2) pest risk analysis for invasive alien plants.

If you would like to attend these workshops please register via:

Prioritization training workshop: <http://meeting.eppo.int/meeting.php/C4867>

Pest risk analysis workshop: <http://meeting.eppo.int/meeting.php/A4874>



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Training workshop 1: Prioritization of invasive alien plant species incorporating the requirements of the EU Regulation No 1143/2014.

Aim: To provide participants with an understanding of the process of prioritizing invasive alien plants for risk assessment within the framework of the EU Regulation No 1143/2014.

Dates: 14th (starting at 13:00) to the 16th (finishing by 17:00) December, 2016

Venue: EPPO Headquarters (Paris, FR)

Presenters: Dr Etienne Branquart, Dr Oliver Pescott and Dr Rob Tanner

Maximum number of participants 20 (selected on a first come first served basis)

Cost: Free (participants will pay for their own accommodation, travel to and from the workshop and meals for the duration of the training workshop)

Inclusions: Two and half day's tuition. Tea/coffee and a light lunch will be provided (participants will pay 10 Euros per day for lunch).

Format and content: The two and half-day course will combine introductory lecture material combined with practical exercises to familiarise participants with the prioritization process for invasive alien plants incorporating the requirements of the EU Regulation No 1143/2014. On day one, participants will learn through lectures about the need for species prioritization, the information required to complete the prioritization process and important considerations when prioritizing species, including quality of information and uncertainty. Participants will be guided through the prioritization process where the presenters prioritize particular species. On day 2 and 3, participants will prioritize 5 species of their own choosing using the prioritization scheme. This will require some background research prior to the workshop (approximately 1 or 2 days) to gather information on each species in order to answer the pre-determined questions. On the afternoon of day 3, participants will have the opportunity to present their results to the group and discuss the outcome.

Preparation: Registered participants need to:

1. Compile a list of plant species (5 species) for prioritization,
2. e-mail rt@eppo.int the list of species to discuss suitability,
3. Collect detailed information on each species under the pre-determined questions (to be supplied),
4. Bring their own laptop computer with pre-installed software. Additional information on the software to be installed will be provided to registered participants. During the course assistance will be provided whenever necessary.

Training workshop 2: Pest risk analysis of invasive alien plant species incorporating the requirements of the Regulation (EU) No. 1143/2014.

Aim: To provide participants with an understanding of the process of pest risk analysis of invasive alien plants within the framework of the EU Regulation No 1143/2014.

Dates: 14th to the 17th February, 2017

Times: 14-16 (09:00 – 17:00), 17th (09:00 – 15:00)

Venue: EPPO Headquarters (Paris, FR)

Presenters: Dr Giuseppe Brundu, Dr Uwe Starfinger, Dr Daniel Chapman and Dr Rob Tanner

Maximum number of participants 20 (selected on a first come first served basis)

Cost: Free (participants will pay for their own accommodation, travel to and from the workshop and meals for the duration of the training workshop)

Inclusions: Four days tuition. Tea/coffee and a light lunch will be provided (participants will pay 10 Euros per day for lunch).

Format and content: The four-day course will combine introductory lecture material combined with practical exercises to familiarise participants with Pest Risk Analysis for

invasive alien plants incorporating the requirements of the EU Regulation No 1143/2004. On day one, participants will learn through lectures about the need and requirements of pest risk analysis, the information required to complete a pest risk analysis and important considerations including uncertainty. In the afternoon, participants will be guided through the pest risk analysis process where the presenters will use two case study species. On day 2 and 3, participants will risk analyse their chosen species using the Express PRA tool, considering the EU or the EPPO region as PRA area. This will require some background research prior to the workshop (approximately 1 or 2 days) to gather information on the species in order to answer the pre-determined questions. On day 4, participants will have the opportunity to present their results to the group and discuss the outcome.

Preparation: Registered participants need to:

1. Download the CAPRA software onto the laptop you will bring to the training workshop,
2. Compile a list of potential plant species (3-4 species) for analysis,
3. e-mail rt@eppo.int the list of species to discuss suitability (you will have the opportunity to risk analyse 1 or 2 of these species),
4. Collect detailed information on you chosen species under the pre-determined questions (to be supplied),
4. Bring their own laptop computer with pre-installed software. Additional information on the software to be installed will be provided to registered participants. During the course assistance will be provided whenever necessary.